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Mr Robert Connor
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15 St Margarets Place
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Your reference:

Our reference: JEH/ML

Date: 7 January 1992

Dear Mr Connor

REFERENCE - MRS JEANNETTE SAWYER
8 FOURTH GARDENS, GLASGOW G41 5NE
NATIONAL INSURANCE No. ZP 15 79 89B

We spoke today about Mrs Sawyer's case, and I am writing formally to acknowledge receipt of the letter you sent by facsimile machine on 23.12.1991 to Glasgow (Laurieston) District Office.

This office, which is a branch of Glasgow Laurieston District Office, deals with all the claims for Disablement Benefit arising in the whole District area, which is why your letter has come to me.

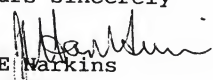
I am keenly aware of the urgency attaching to Mrs Sawyer's case. Although, therefore, we have not yet received formal notice from the independent Appeal Tribunal which heard Mrs Sawyer's appeal on 19.12.1991, I have nevertheless instructed the adjudication officer to write immediately to Mrs Sawyer's former employer (Strathclyde Regional Council Education Department) seeking information about any risk of exposure to asbestos etc that there may have been in any of her places of employment.

If confirmation is forthcoming, the adjudication officer will be able to consider review of the earlier decision without having to wait for another Tribunal hearing.

I shall of course let you know how things turn out as quickly as I can.

On the question of liaison, I agree entirely with you that close and effective liaison is needed in this sensitive and difficult area, both in relation to individual cases and on a more general level. Please let me know if there is anything you think I may be able to do in this regard.

Yours sincerely


J.E. Watkins
Manager



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